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We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

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Technology and Teen Dating Violence Are Unfortunately Linked

Dating abuse is easier than ever thanks to cell phones and social media

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By domesticshelters.org



On March 14 of this year, a young girl's prank had unimaginable consequences. [Tysen Benz](#), 11, hanged himself after reading messages on Snapchat saying his 13-year-old girlfriend had died. Except, she hadn't. It was all made up by the young girl; she was sending the messages from a friend's account. After reading the news of his girlfriend's "death," Benz posted on social media he was going to kill himself. None of the people who read his post, none of the people who knew his girlfriend was pranking him, tried to stop him. Benz died in the hospital on April 4.

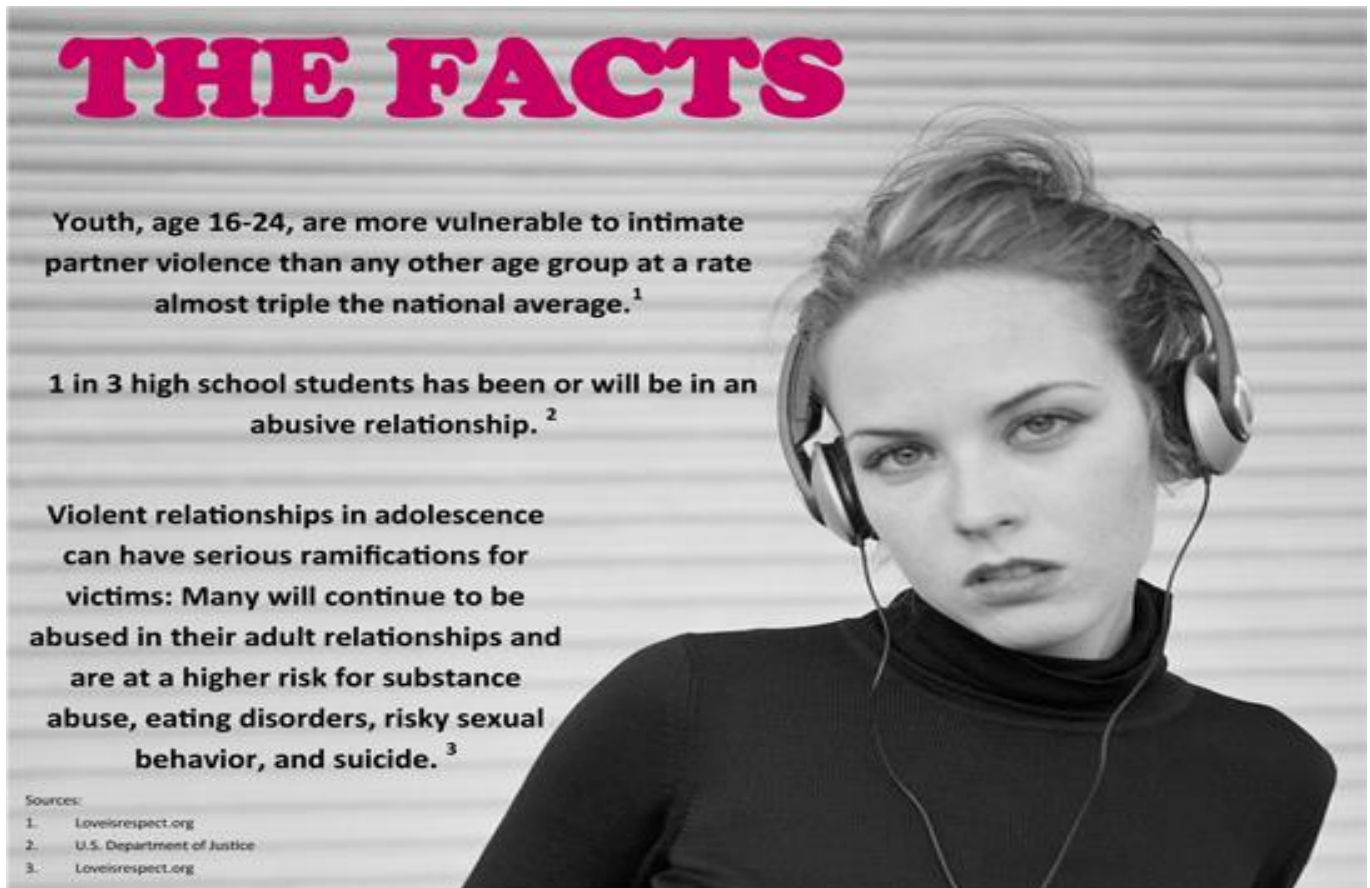
On June 16, [Michelle Carter](#) was found guilty of manslaughter in a highly publicized case in which prosecutors argued she was responsible for her boyfriend's death after she instructed him to follow through on his plan to commit suicide. At the time of Conrad Roy III's death in 2014, he was 18 and Carter was 17.

“You can’t think about it. You just have to do it. You said you were gonna do it. Like I don’t get why you aren’t,” Carter allegedly told Roy via text.

Roy killed himself in his truck with carbon monoxide.

Continue reading and learn how we can help our children.

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THE FACTS

Youth, age 16-24, are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group at a rate almost triple the national average.¹

1 in 3 high school students has been or will be in an abusive relationship.²

Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims: Many will continue to be abused in their adult relationships and are at a higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and suicide.³

Sources:
1. Loveisrespect.org
2. U.S. Department of Justice
3. Loveisrespect.org

The infographic features a black and white photograph of a young woman wearing large headphones, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Can He Rape Me if We're Married?

Marital rape is a very real—and very illegal—offense

September 24, 2014

By domesticshelters.org

Make no mistake about it—marital rape is a serious form of violence and an often-present component of domestic violence, and it *is* illegal in all 50 states.

According to the [Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network \(RAINN\)](#), marital rape occurs when your spouse forces you to take part in sex acts without your consent. This includes any unwanted intercourse or penetration obtained by force, threat of force or when the wife is

unable to consent. RAINN says research shows that marital rape can be equally, if not more, emotionally and physically traumatizing than rape by a stranger.



Juanito Vargas, associate vice president of [Safe Horizon](#), a New York domestic violence nonprofit and the largest victims' services agency in the U.S., says he hears about incidents of marital rape from his clients but, unfortunately, many of them don't even know it's rape. RAINN agrees that it remains one of the least reported crimes. Explains Vargas, "It could be due to the culture—this is the expectation of my culture, that I'm supposed to submit to whatever my husband says." Some survivors believe they're supposed to have sex with their husbands even when they don't want to and say no.

It wasn't until the late 1970s that anyone was convicted of raping their spouse in the U.S., according to RAINN. Before then, there was a common law presumption that "real rape" could only occur by a stranger and that forced sex was a "wifely duty." Luckily ideas changed

and, in the 1970s and '80s, states began adopting laws criminalizing marital rape and, by 1993, every state had made marital rape an illegal offense.

While laws vary slightly between states, Vargas says that in New York, marital rape is listed as a separate and individual charge felony offense when it occurs in conjunction with domestic violence. So, it is important survivors report this to police. If you're uncomfortable or scared to report marital rape, seek out an advocacy agency like Safe Horizon. "We have rape survivor advocates on call 24 hours a day so that when a victim of rape goes to a hospital emergency room, the hospital calls one of our advocates who will then show up to be with the victim as [he or] she is going through the whole experience."

To find an advocate near you, call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at **800-656-HOPE**, or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **800-799-7233**.

TYPES OF MARITAL RAPE

- **1. Battering rape:**


- In battering rape, women experience both physical and sexual violence in the relationship and they experience this violence in various ways,

- **2. Force-only rape:**

- In what is called force-only rape, husbands use only the amount of force necessary to coerce their wives

- **3. Obsessive rape:**

- Other women experience what has been labeled as sadistic or obsessive rape



**Is marriage a
license to rape?**



Hyde County Hotline's

7th Annual Event:

A Giddy-Up Gala

November 18, 2017

Round Up & Silent Auction starting at 6 pm

Chow Time 7 pm

Tickets: \$55 Individual \$100 Couple

\$30 Young'uns 0-12

Cowboy Table \$800

(Seats 8 with Signage)

Sponsorship Levels \$500, \$700, \$1,000

Cowboy Hats and Boots Optional

Supper

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Mechanical Bull

Music by DJ JM

Fun for the Young'uns

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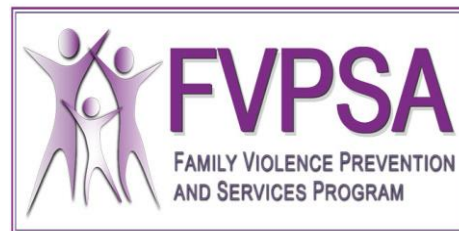
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Hyde County Hotline 252-925-2502



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and Survivors of Domestic Abuse**
Please Consider

**Donating to our Thrift Store
Financial Gifts
Asking about a Presentation
Thank You!**

Please call for more information at **252-925-2502**

Hyde County Hotline offers support groups for victims and
survivors of domestic abuse and sexual victimization.
Domestic abuse support group is offered 1st and 3rd weeks of each
month.
Sexual assault support group is offered 2nd and 4th weeks of each
month.

OUR MISSION:

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

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252-925-2500**